

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 76 without prejudice.

Please rewrite claims 37, 52, 62, 63, 65 and 74 as follows (a marked-up version of these claims showing deletions in brackets and additions underlined is attached hereto).

B1 *Sub C1*
37. (Amended) A vehicle including a protection system for protecting an occupant in an impact, the protection system comprising
an anticipatory crash sensor for determining that a crash involving the vehicle is about to occur,
and
a movable, pre-inflated cushioning arrangement coupled to said anticipatory crash sensor, said cushioning arrangement being movable toward a likely position of the occupant upon a determination by said anticipatory crash sensor that a crash involving the vehicle is about to occur.

B2 *Sub C1*
52. (Amended) A method for protecting an occupant in an impact, comprising the steps
of:
determining that a crash involving the vehicle is about to occur, and
moving a pre-inflated cushioning arrangement into contact with the occupant upon a determination that a crash involving the vehicle is about to occur.

B3 *Sub C1*
62. (Amended) A vehicle including a cushioning arrangement for protecting an occupant in an impact, the cushioning arrangement consisting of:
a frame coupled to the vehicle;
a deformable cover defining an interior, and
a single fluid-containing bag attached to said frame and surrounded by said cover, said bag being structured and arranged to allow movement of the fluid within said bag to thereby alter the shape of said bag and enable said bag to conform to a portion of an occupant engaging the cushioning arrangement, the cushioning arrangement being arranged to be in contact with the occupant at least during the impact; and
said bag being the only fluid-containing bag in the interior of said cover.

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63. (Amended) The vehicle of claim 62, wherein said cover is elastically deformable in response to changes in pressure in said bag.

~~63~~ ~~65~~. (Amended) The vehicle of claim 63, wherein said bag occupies the entire interior of said cover.

~~64~~ ~~74~~. (Amended) A vehicle including a cushioning arrangement for protecting an occupant in an impact, the cushioning arrangement comprising:

- a frame coupled to the vehicle;
 - a deformable cover defining an interior; and
 - a fluid-containing bag attached to said frame and occupying the entire interior of said cover, said cover surrounding said bag,
- said cover being elastically deformable in response to changes in pressure in said bag,
- said bag being structured and arranged to allow movement of the fluid within said bag to thereby alter the shape of said bag and enable said bag to conform to a portion of an occupant engaging the cushioning arrangement, the cushioning arrangement being arranged to be in contact with the occupant at least during the impact.

Please add the following new claims.

~~85~~. A vehicle including a cushioning arrangement for protecting an occupant in an impact, the cushioning arrangement comprising:

- a frame coupled to the vehicle;
- a single fluid-containing bag attached to said frame, said bag being structured and arranged to allow movement of the fluid within said bag to thereby alter the shape of said bag and enable said bag to conform to a portion of an occupant engaging the cushioning arrangement, the cushioning arrangement being arranged to be in contact with the occupant at least during the impact; and
- a deformable cover substantially surrounding said bag, said cover being elastically deformable in response to changes in pressure in said bag, said cover comprising stretch seams to allow elastic deformation of said cover.

86. A vehicle including a cushioning arrangement for protecting an occupant in an impact, the cushioning arrangement comprising:

- a frame coupled to the vehicle;
- a single fluid-containing bag attached to said frame, said bag being structured and arranged to allow movement of the fluid within said bag to thereby alter the shape of said bag and enable said bag to

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conform to a portion of an occupant engaging the cushioning arrangement, the cushioning arrangement being arranged to be in contact with the occupant at least during the impact; and open cell foam arranged in said bag.

87. The vehicle of claim 86, wherein said open cell foam includes channels which facilitate the flow of fluid within said bag.